(d) question does not arise in view of (a) above.

Child labour working in mines

415. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ILO, which observed the World Day against Child Labour on the 12th June, 2005, has estimated that there are one million children aged between 5 and 17 currently toiling in mines and quarries all over the world ;

(b) if so, the estimated number of children still working in mines and quarries in India; and

(c) the measures taken by Government for improving working conditions in mines and quarries for the safety and lives of children working there?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, there is no reference to India in the said report.

(b) Occupation-wise data of child labour in the country is not maintained.

(c) Keeping in view the health hazards involved in mining occupation, Government of India have prohibited employment of children in mines under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. For the rehabilitation of children withdrawn from hazardous occupations, the Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project Scheme for the withdrawal and rehabilitation of children working in hazardous occupations and processes. The Scheme involves enrolling the working children in special schools and providing them education, vocational training, nutrition, health care, stipend, etc. and finally, mainstreaming them into regular schools.

Wages and duty hours of the Daily Wage workers

416. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum wages and normal duty hours prescribed by Government for Chowkidars, Malis etc. engaged by registered Associations/Companies temporarily on daily wages;